100
life-changing Advices

A walk in RUMI's garden

ISLAMIC CIRCLE OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

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Dedicated to

SOME OF THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS IN OUR GARDEN

ATIF ALI

FAZAL SUBHANI

AKMAL CHAUDHARY

AHMED NABEEL

AND ALL THE BEAUTIFUL SOULS SEARCHING FOR, OR TREADING ON, THE PATH OF LOVE.

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Who was Rumi?

The thirteenth-century mystic whose words and silence still echoes in the hearts and souls of millions of people across the globe. Sir Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, one of the greatest revivers of Islamic thought, considers Rumi to be his pir (spiritual guide). Though they were physically separated by centuries, there souls were one. Iqbal says:

پیر رومی خاک را اکسیر کرد
از غبارم جلوه ها تعمیر کرد

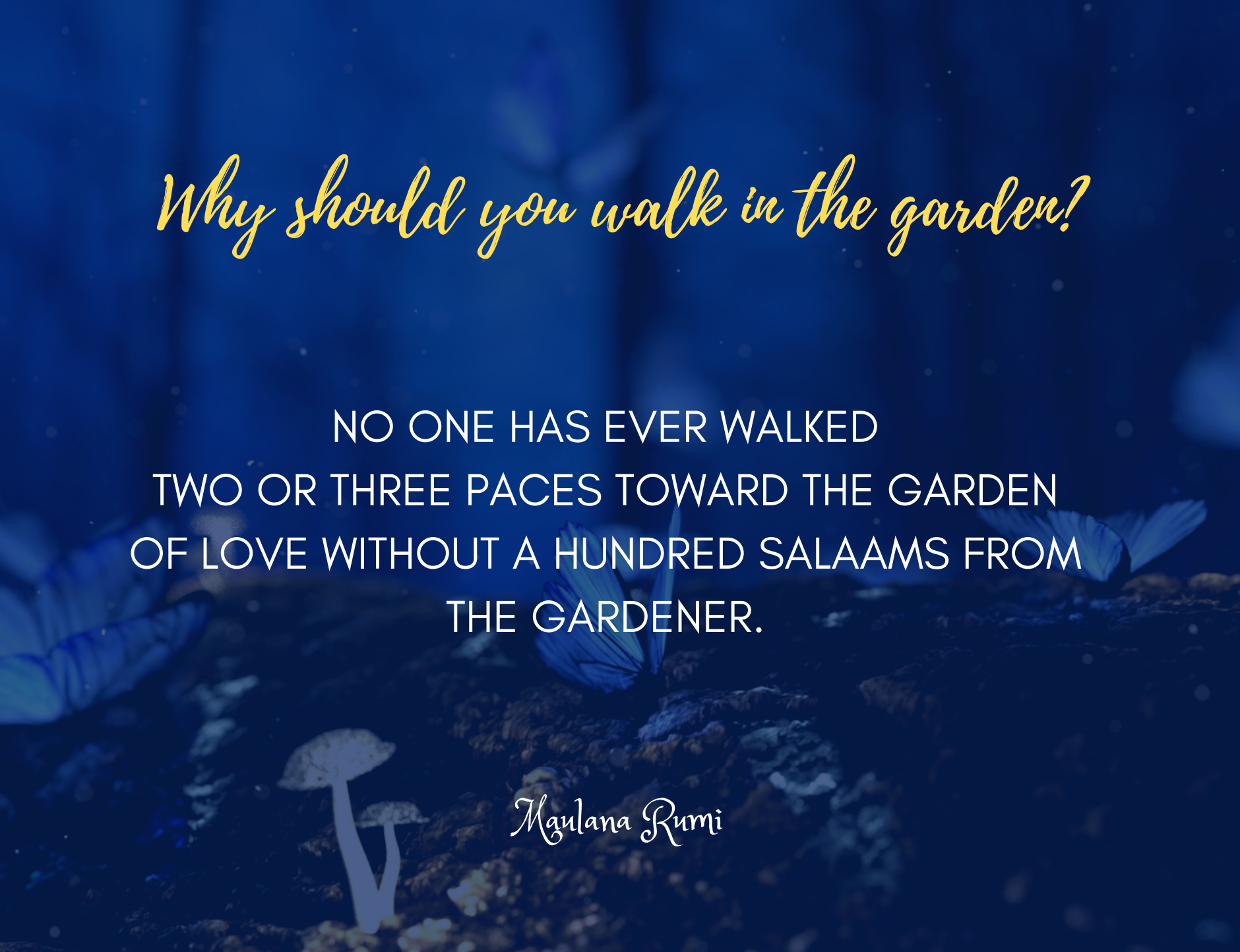
(Rumi, my spiritual guide, has elavated the status of my dust and formed many spectacles out of its dispersed particles.)

How to benefit from this book?

THIS BOOK IS NOT FOR READING!

IT IS FOR DIVING DEEP INTO THE OCEANS OF MEANING IN EACH WORD, REFLECTION ON EVERY STEP AND SPENDING LONG TIMES OF THINKING IN SECLUSION ON WHAT PIR-E-RUMI IS GOING TO WHISPERS INTO THE EARS OF YOUR HEART.

Note: If you don't understand Rumi's language, there is a possibility that you can misunderstand him. If so happens, refer to a teacher to de-mystify it for you. Also note that, for us, the ultimate criteria is the Quran and Sunnah. Whatever you interpret from this book, test it against these two lights.


Why should you walk in the garden?
NO ONE HAS EVER WALKED
TWO OR THREE PACES TOWARD THE GARDEN
OF LOVE WITHOUT A HUNDRED SALAAMS FROM
THE GARDENER.
Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 1

Beauty surrounds us. But generally,
we need to be walking in a garden to know about it.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 2

Do not sit and wait. Go out there. Feel it.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 3

The garden of the world has no limit, except in your mind.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 4

So, when will you begin
that long journey into yourself?

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 4

I will be waiting here.

For your silence to break.

For your soul to shake.

For your love to wake.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 5

There is a candle in your heart ready to be kindled.
You feel it. Don't you?

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 6

On a day when the wind is perfect, the sail just needs to open and the world is full of beauty. Today is such a day!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 7

This is now. Now is all there is. Don't wait for then.
Strike the spark! Light the fire!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 8

Sit. Be still. Listen.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 9

Would you become a pilgrim on the road of love?
The first condition is that you make yourself humble as dust and ashes.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 10

Let’s be nothing. I have heard it lasts forever.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 11

Having nothing and wanting nothing.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 12

Sell your cleverness and buy bewilderment!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 13

You show your worth by what you seek!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 14

Why are you so enchanted by this world, when a mine of gold lies within you!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 15

If you want money more than anything,
you'll be bought and sold your whole life.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 16

Tear off that mask. Your face is beautiful.

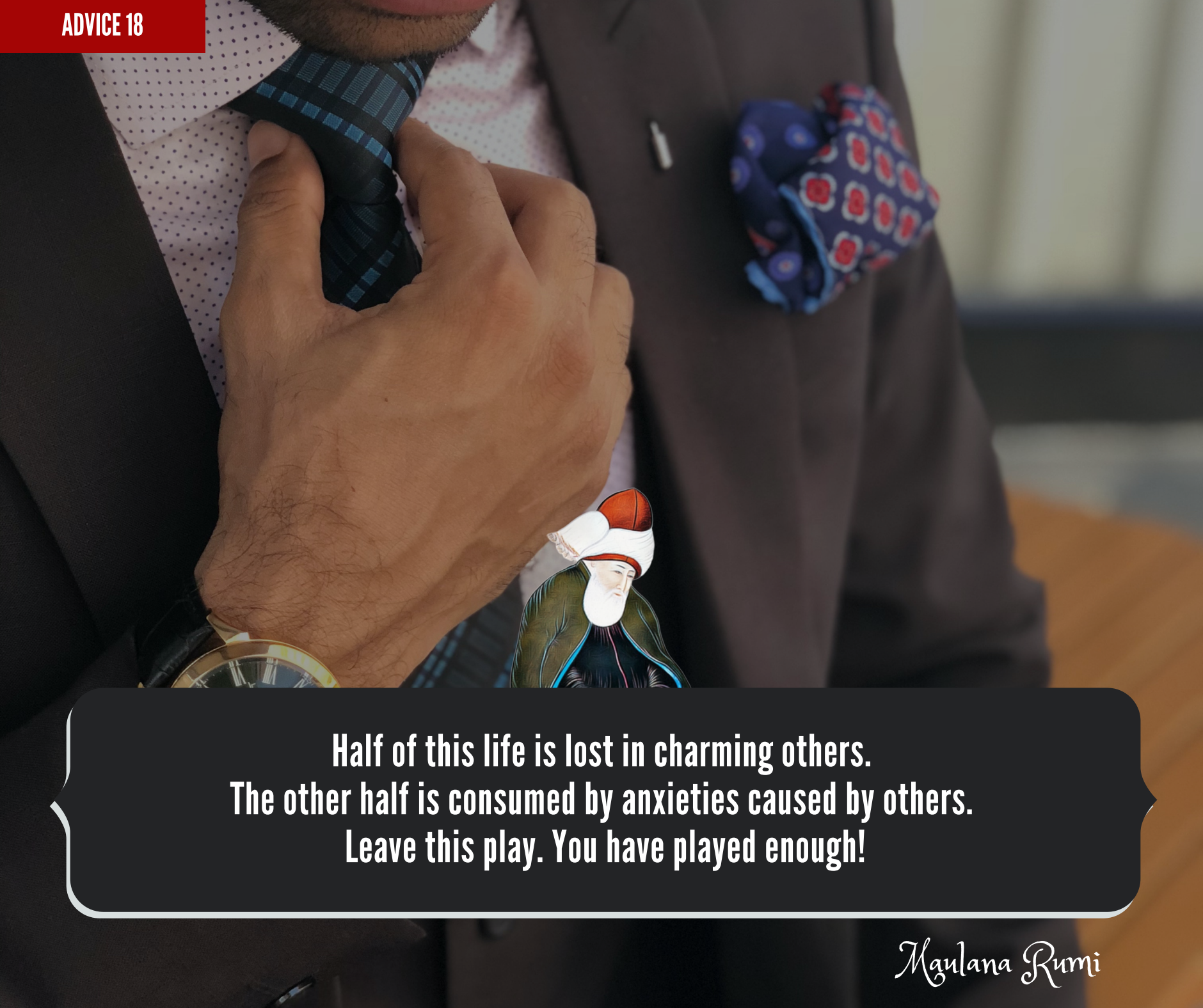
Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 17

If you look too closely at the form, you'll miss the essence."

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 18



Half of this life is lost in charming others.
The other half is consumed by anxieties caused by others.
Leave this play. You have played enough!

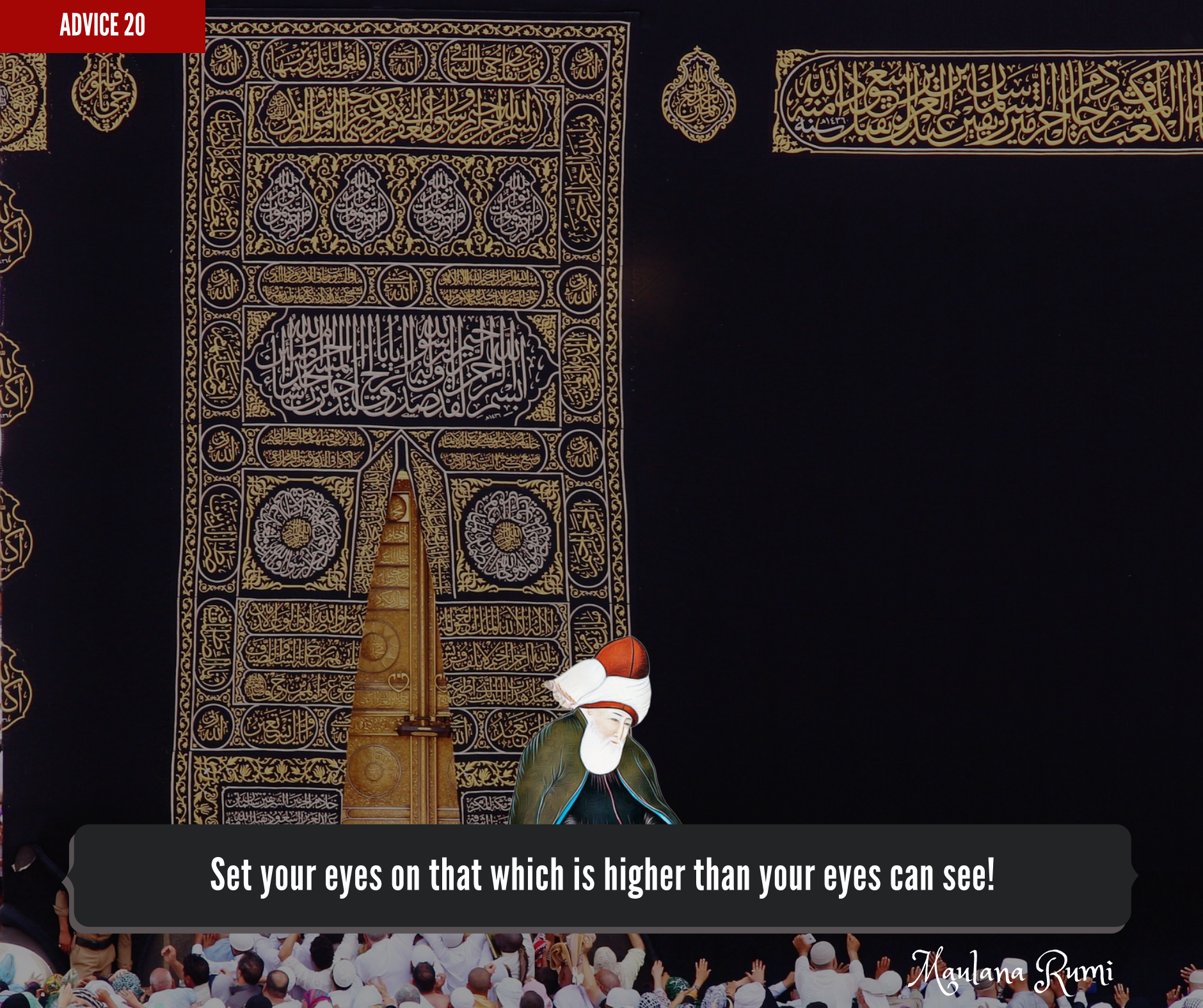
Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 19

Maybe you are searching among the branches,
for what only appears in the roots.

Maulana Rumi

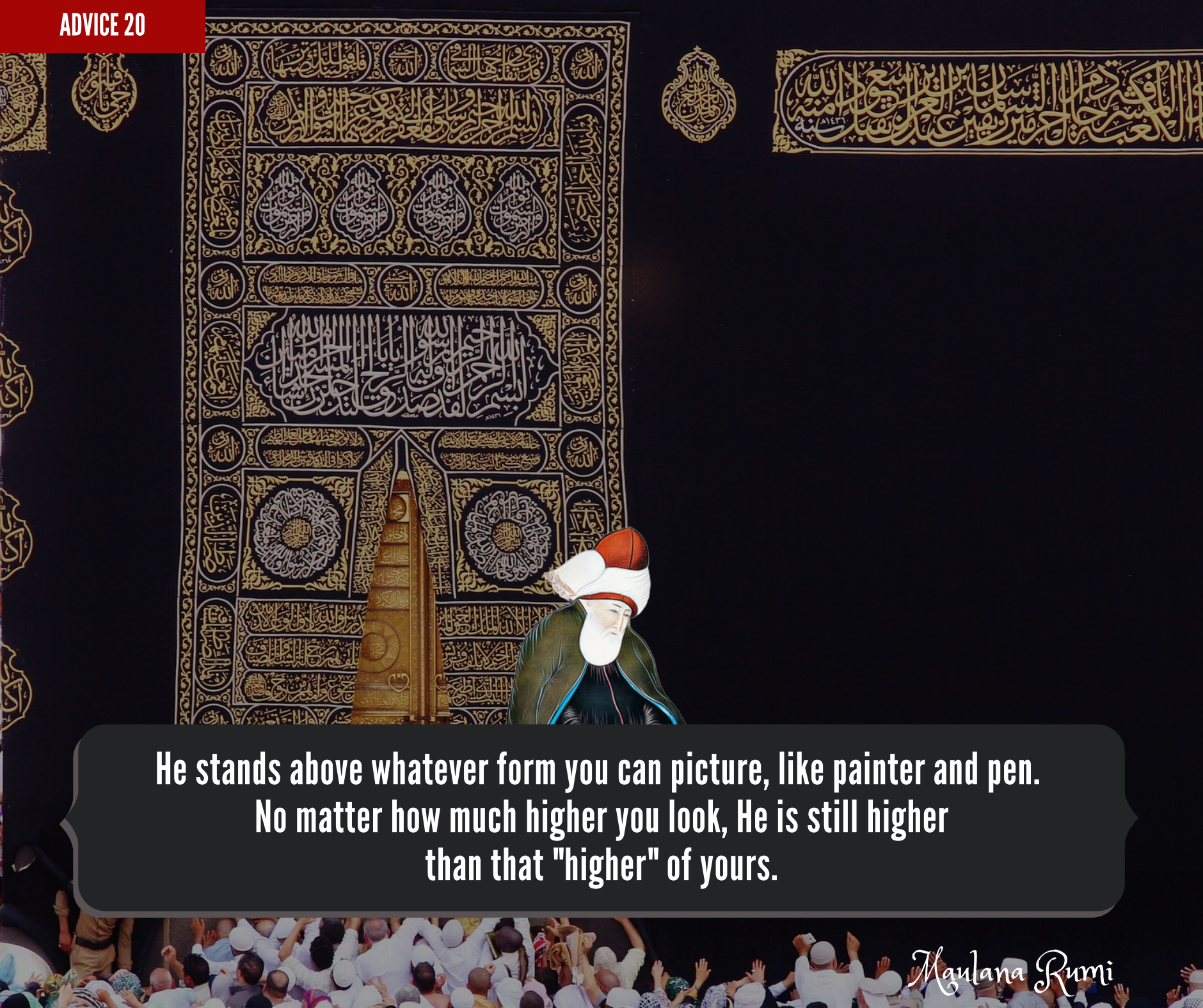
ADVICE 20



Set your eyes on that which is higher than your eyes can see!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 20



He stands above whatever form you can picture, like painter and pen.
No matter how much higher you look, He is still higher
than that "higher" of yours.

Maulana Rumi

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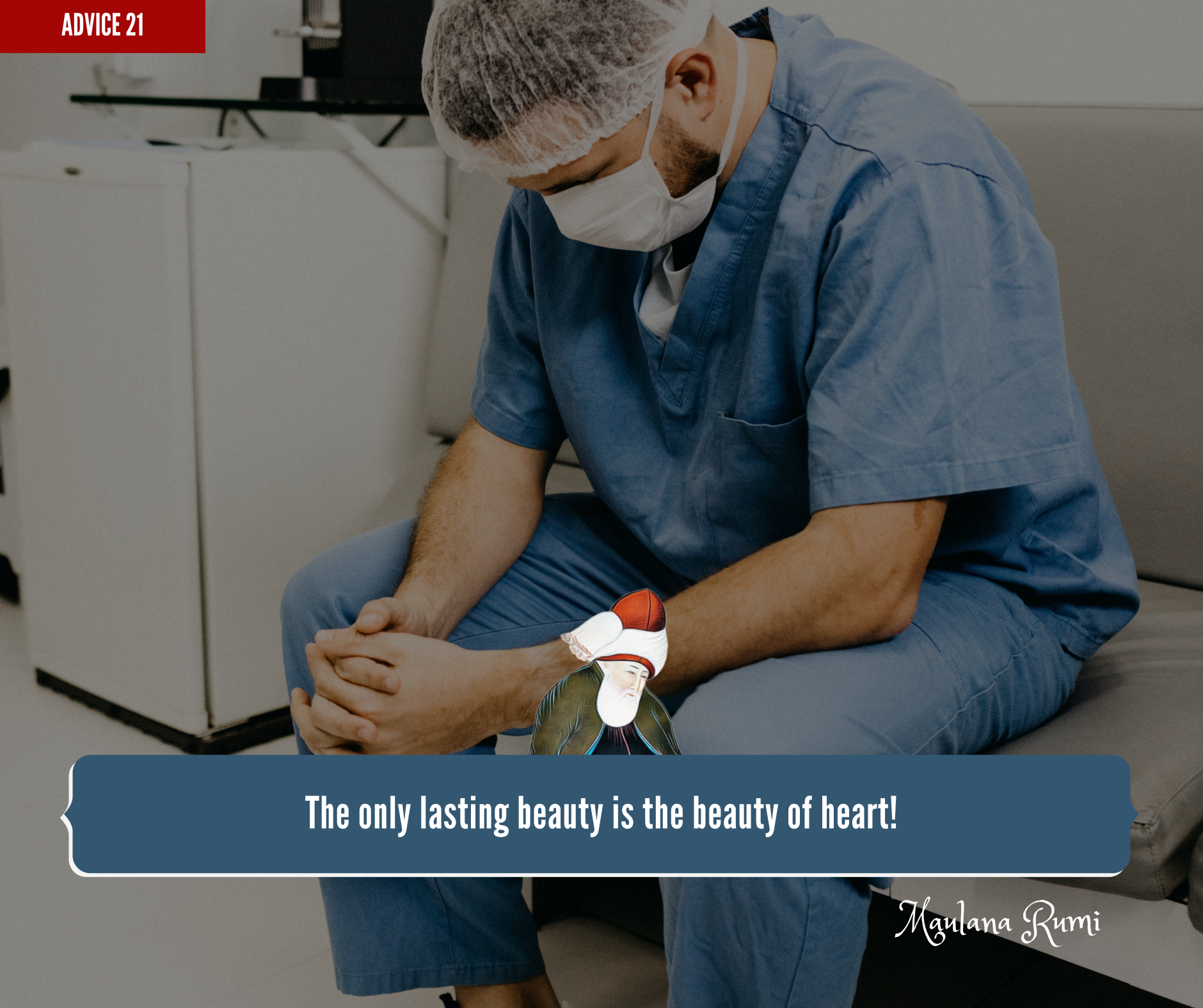


The only lasting beauty is the beauty of heart!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 22

THE WOUND IS THE PLACE
FROM WHERE THE LIGHT ENTERS YOU!

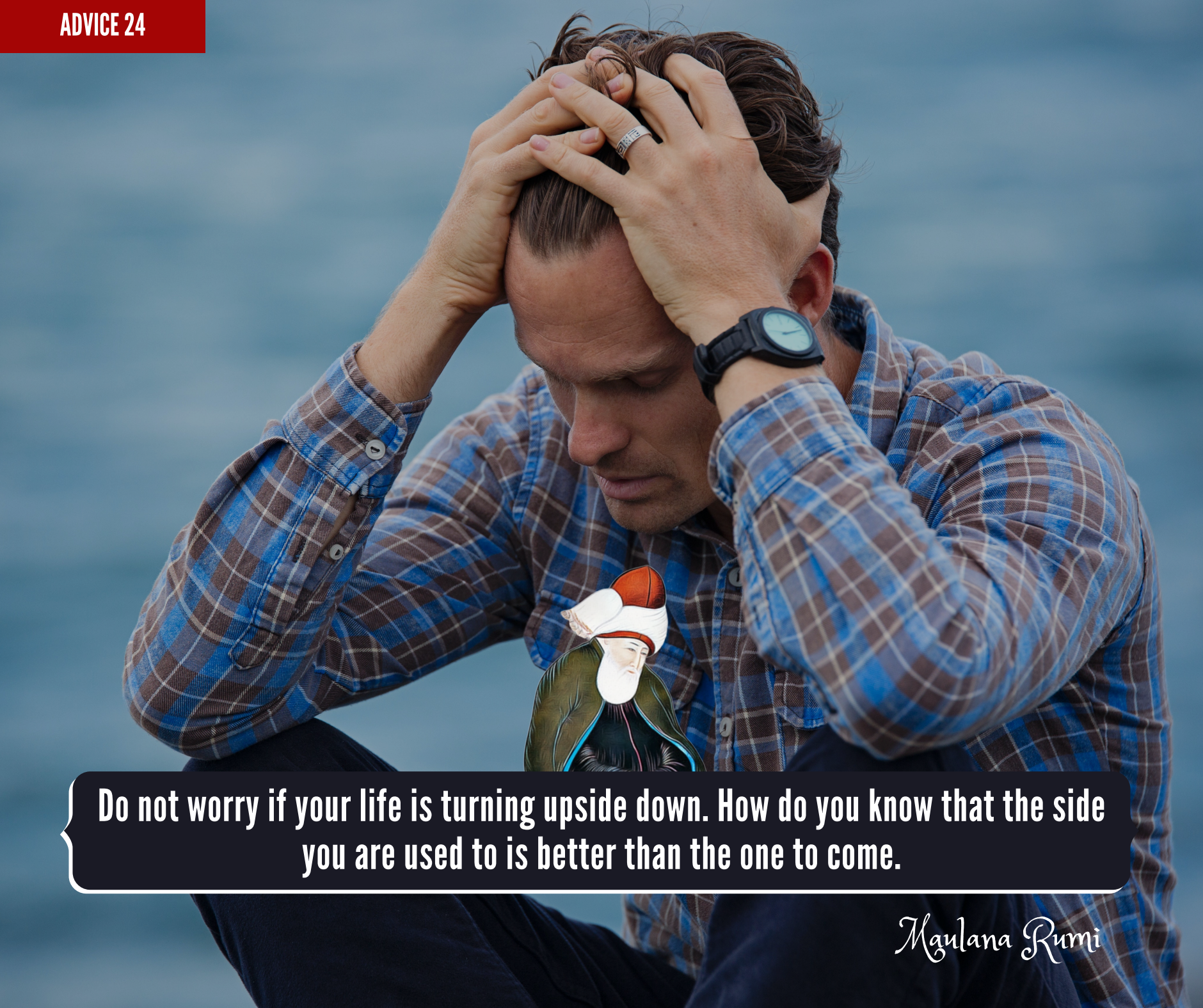
Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 23

Grief can be the garden of compassion.
If you keep your heart open through everything,
your pain can become your greatest ally
in your life's search for love and wisdom.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 24



Do not worry if your life is turning upside down. How do you know that the side you are used to is better than the one to come.

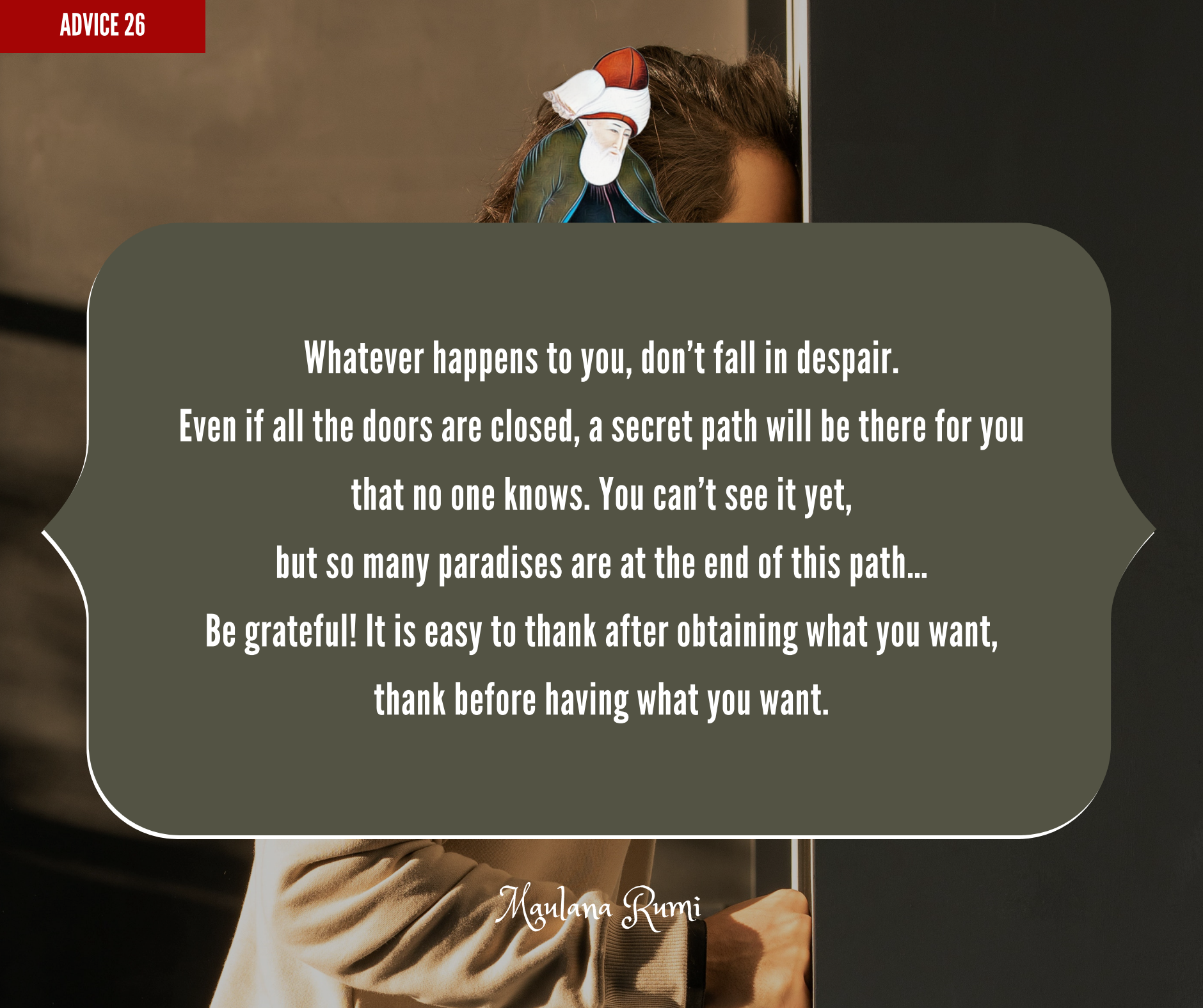
Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 25

The cure for pain is in the pain!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 26



Whatever happens to you, don't fall in despair.
Even if all the doors are closed, a secret path will be there for you
that no one knows. You can't see it yet,
but so many paradises are at the end of this path...
Be grateful! It is easy to thank after obtaining what you want,
thank before having what you want.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 27

Where there is ruin, there is hope for a treasure.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 28

If you are irritated with every rub, how will your mirror get polished?

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 28

I wonder at that seeker of purity
who flees cruelty at the time of polishing.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 28

Sorrow prepares you for joy.
It violently sweeps everything out of your house,
so that new joy can find space to enter.
It shakes the yellow leaves from the bough of your heart,
so that fresh, green leaves can grow in their place.

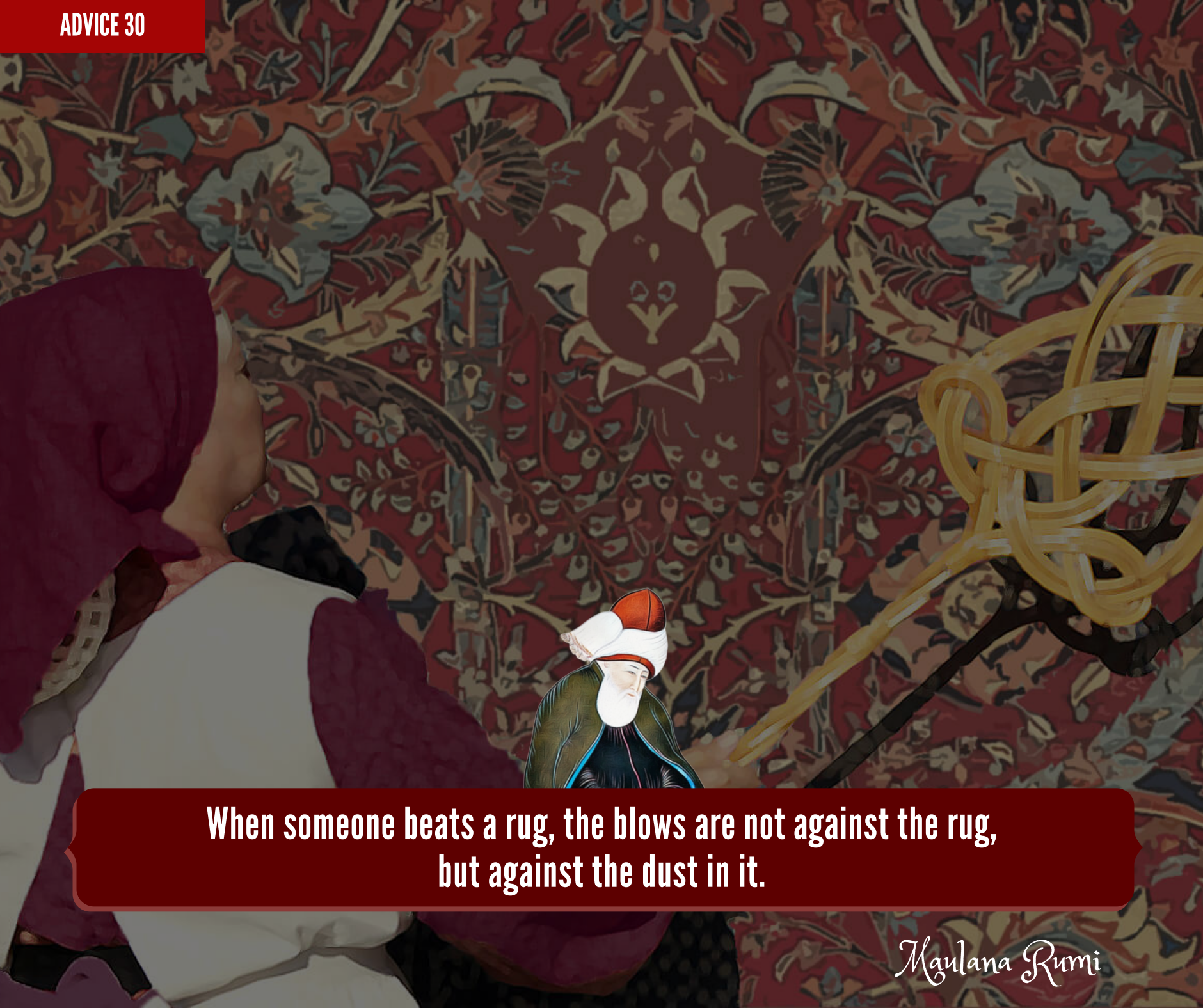
Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 29

This place is a dream. Only a sleeper considers it real.
Then death comes like dawn, and you wake up laughing
at what you thought was your grief.

Maulana Rumi

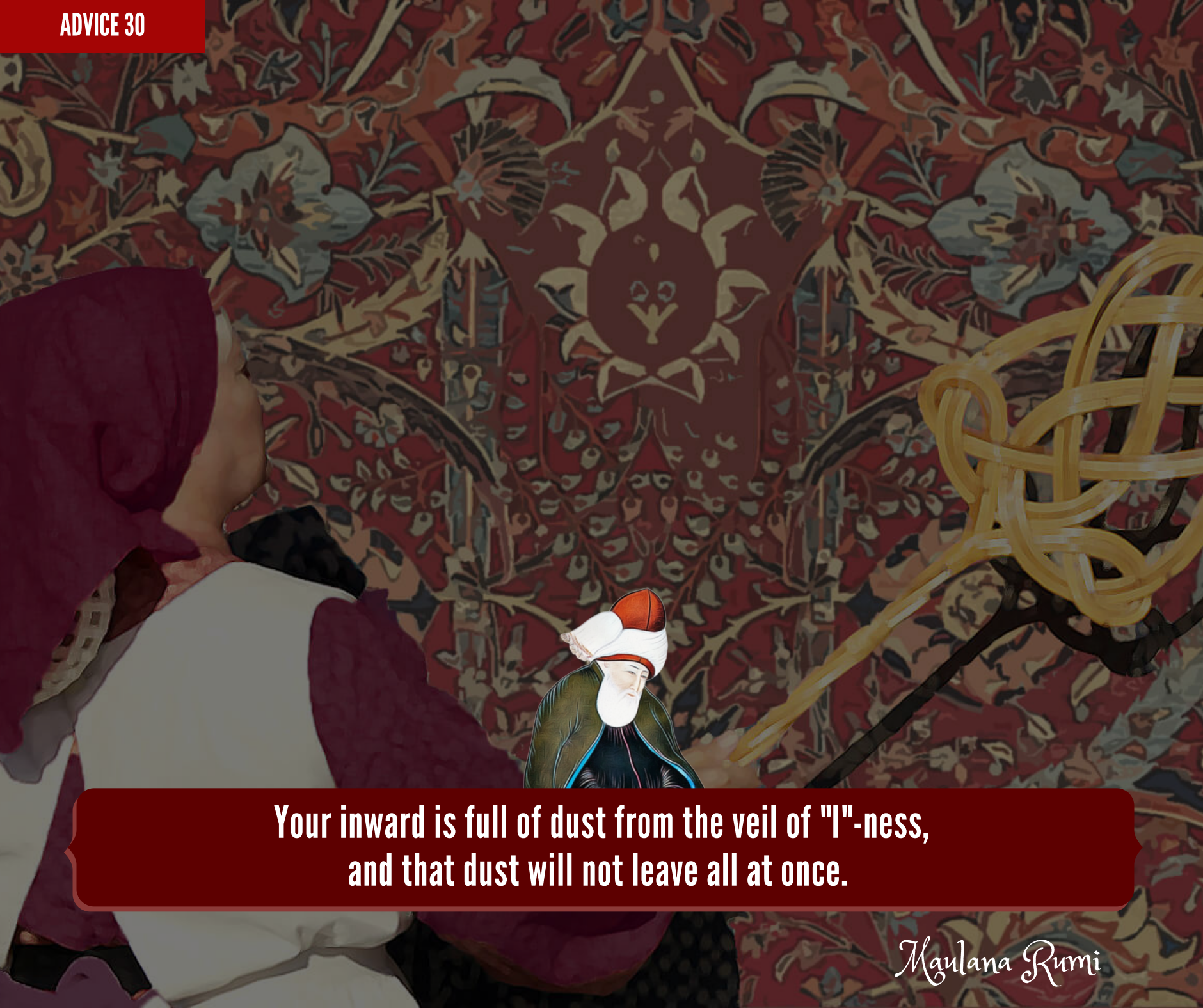
ADVICE 30



When someone beats a rug, the blows are not against the rug,
but against the dust in it.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 30



Your inward is full of dust from the veil of "I"-ness,
and that dust will not leave all at once.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 30

With every cruelty and every blow, it departs little by little from the heart's face, sometimes in sleep and sometimes in wakefulness.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 31

When the world pushes you to your knees,
you're in the perfect position to pray.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 32

When you go through a hard period,
when everything seems to oppose you,
when you feel you cannot even bear one more minute, never give up!
Because it is the time and place that the course will divert!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 33

The cave you fear to enter might hold the light that you seek.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 33

Until mothers feel the pain of childbirth, the child finds no way to be born.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 34

Like a shadow, I am but I am not.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 35

I am not this hair, I am not this skin. I am the soul that lives within.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 35

The spirit has taken perfection within your frame.
Yet you talk about your perishing body?

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 36

My soul is from elsewhere. I'm sure of that. And I intend to end up there.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 37

You don’t live on the earth. You are passing through it.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 38

Life is a balance between holding on and letting go!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 39

A marvels of this world: The sight of a soul sitting in prison
with the key in its hand.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 40

Become the sky. Take an axe to the prison wall. Escape.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 41

To say tomorrow is not our way!

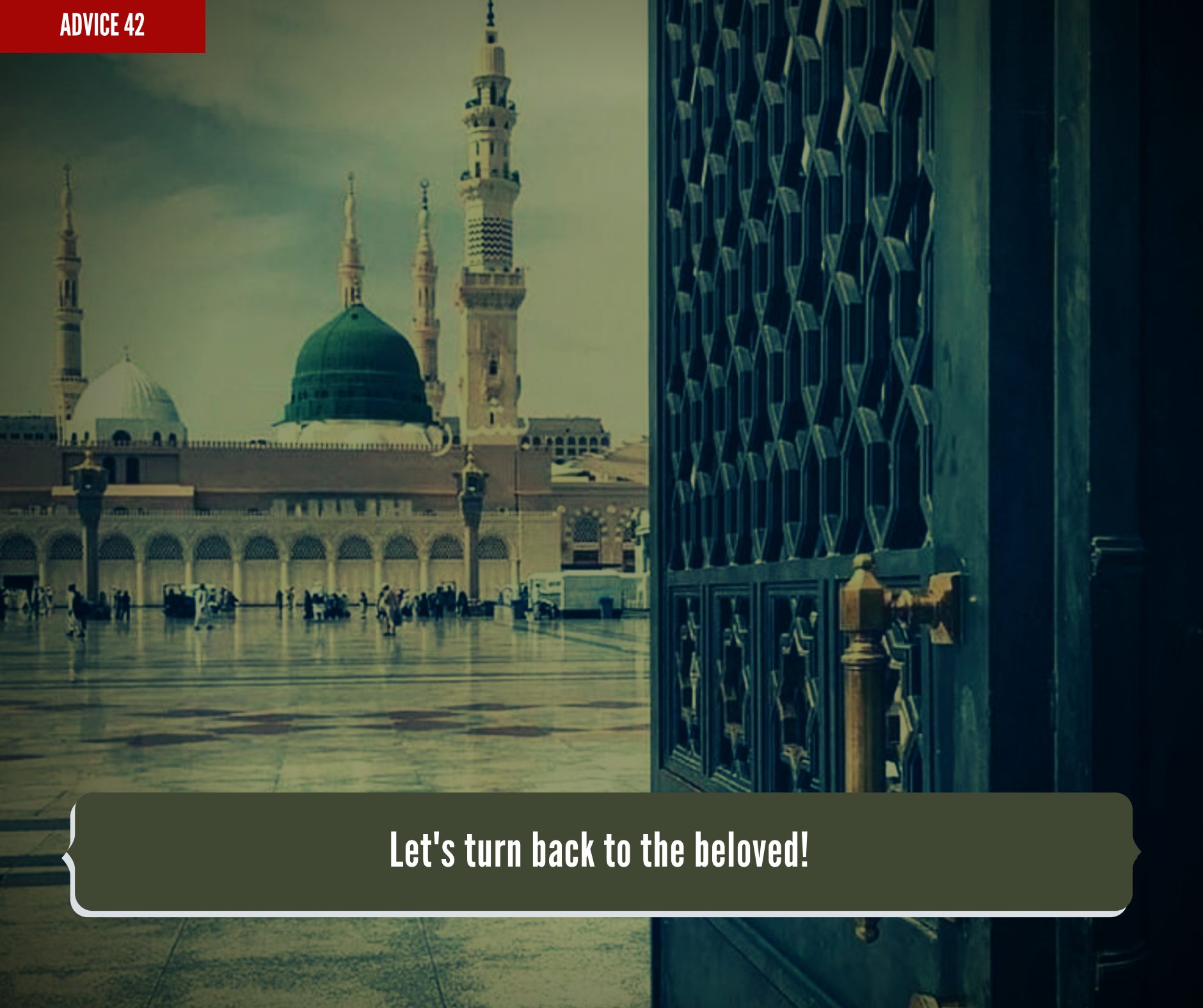
Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 42

Why do you stay in prison
when the door is so wide open?

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 42



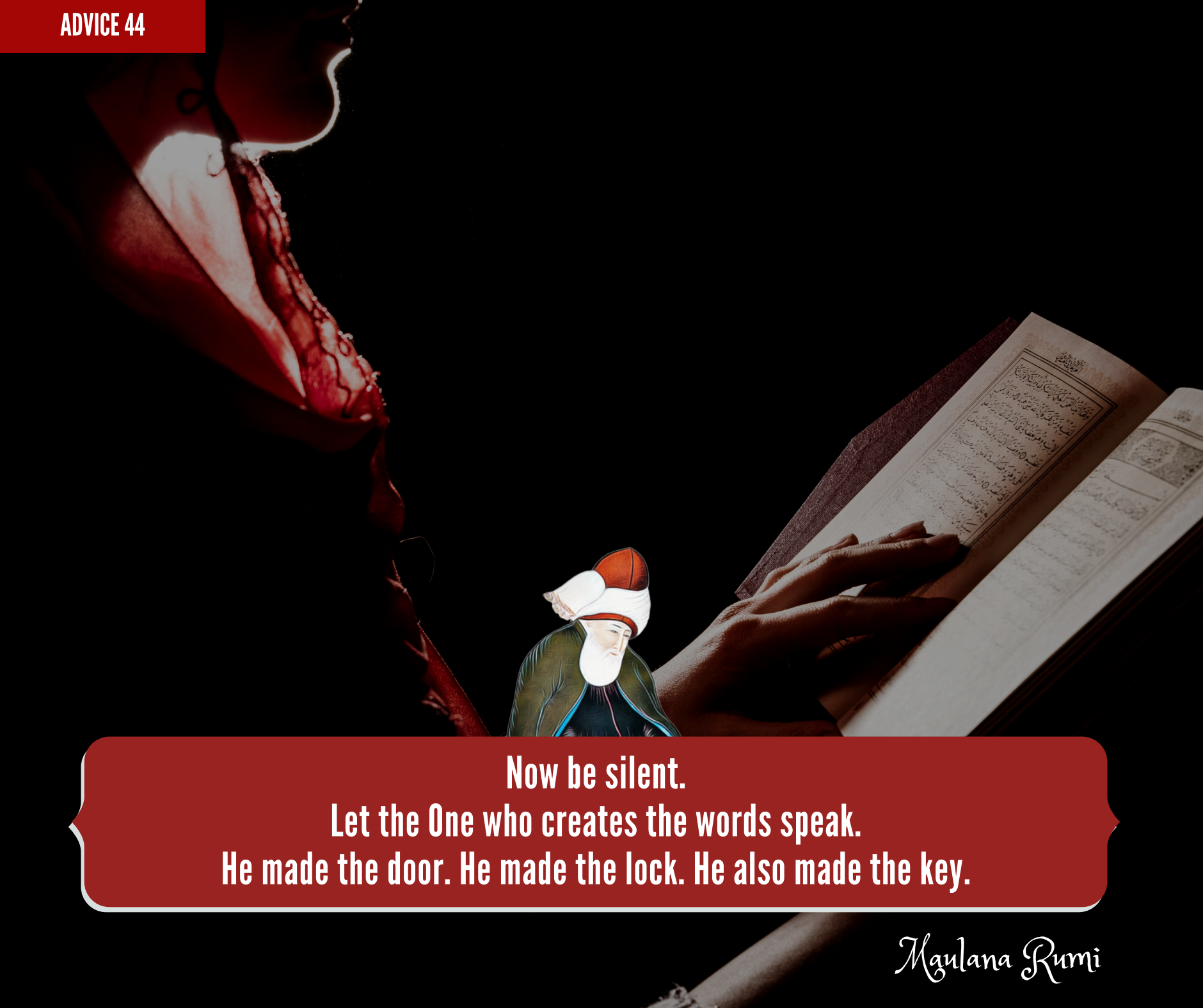
Let's turn back to the beloved!

ADVICE 43

Respond to every call that excites your spirit

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 44



Now be silent.
Let the One who creates the words speak.
He made the door. He made the lock. He also made the key.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 45

You were born with wings! Why do you prefer to crawl?

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 46

The lion is most handsome when it is looking for food!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 47

There is a fountain inside you. Don't walk around with an empty bucket!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 48

You are not one. You are a thousand.
Just light up your lamp.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 49

Always remember..

you are braver than you believe,

stronger than you seem,

smarter than you think and

twice as beautiful as you'd ever imagined.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 50

You are not a drop in the ocean. You are the entire ocean in a drop.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 51

Listen to the sounds of waves within you.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 52

Start a huge, foolish project...
It makes no difference at all what people think of you.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 53

Seek the wisdom that will untie your knot.
Seek the path that demands your whole being!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 54

There is a voice that doesn't use words. Listen!

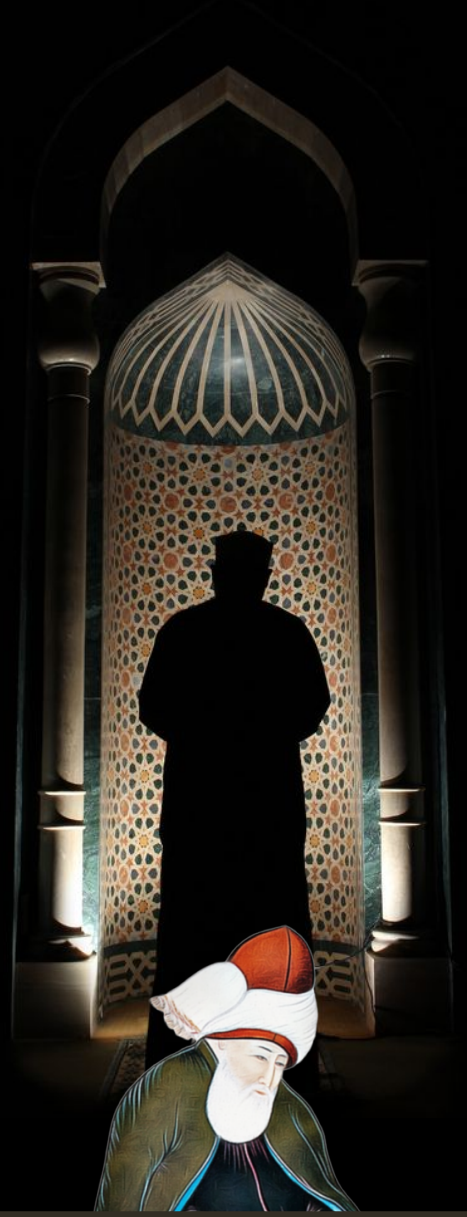
Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 55

The quiter you become, the more you are able to listen..

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 56



In silence there is eloquence.
Stop weaving and see how the pattern improves.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 57

The inspiration you seek is already within you. Be silent and listen.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 58

Your heart knows the way. Run in that direction!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 59

If all you can do is to crawl, start crawling!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 60

When your soul is looking for you, light a candle on its path!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 61

Open your arms if you want to be held!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 62

Whenever they rebuild an old building,
they must first of all destroy the old one.

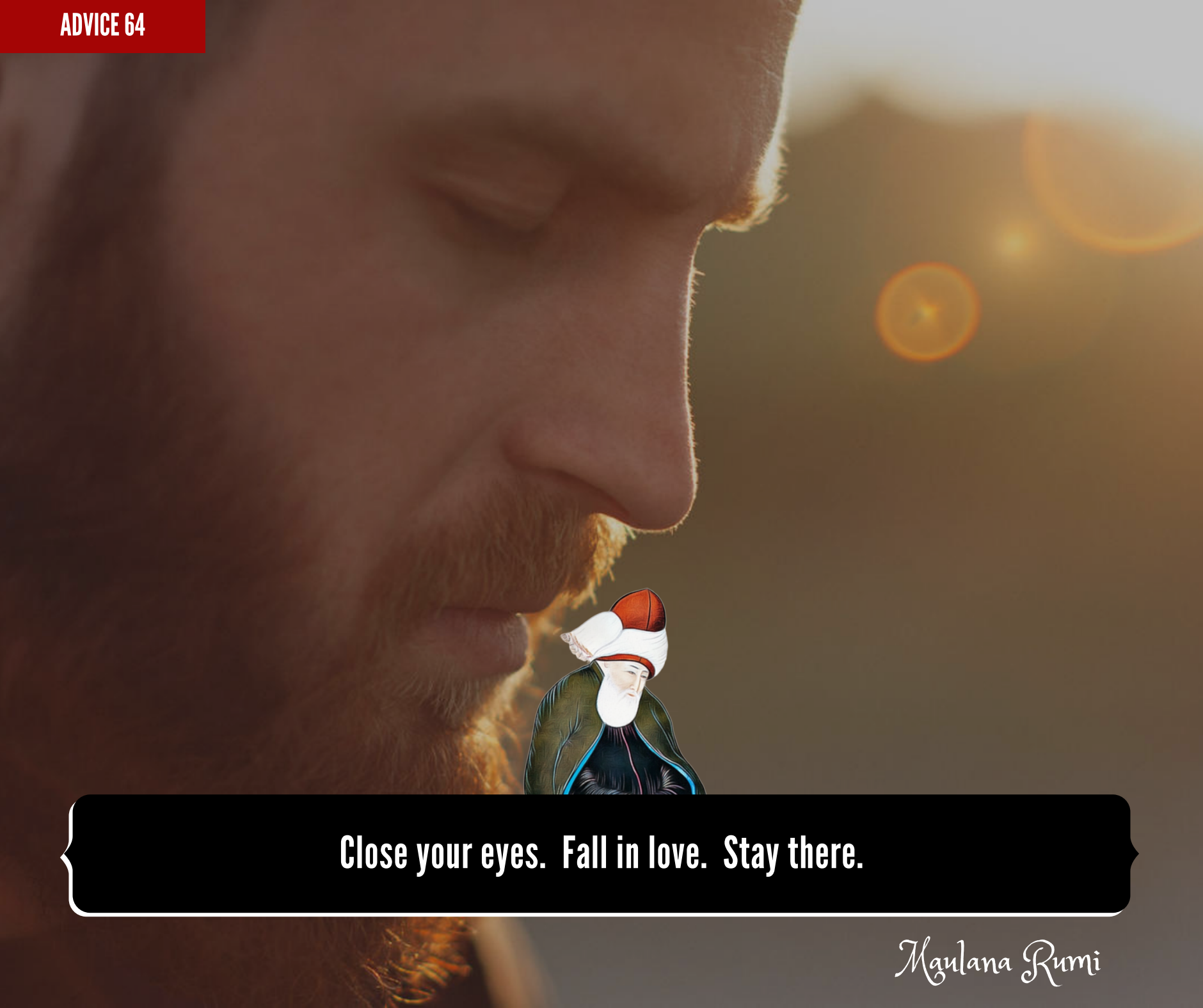
Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 63

Let us carve gems out of our stony hearts and let them light our path to love.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 64



Close your eyes. Fall in love. Stay there.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 65

Let the waters settle and you will see
the moon and the stars mirrored in your own being.

Maulana Rumi

As you start to walk on the way, the way appears!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 67

Be the melting snow. Wash yourself of yourself.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 68

Sometimes in order to help, He makes us cry.

Happy the eye that sheds tears for His sake.

Fortunate is the heart that burns for His sake.

Laughter always follow tears.

Blessed are those who understand.

Life blossoms wherever water flows.

Where tears are shed divine mercy is shown.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 69

I once had a thousand desires.
But in my one desire to know you, all else melted away!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 69

A lover's food is love for God. In his eyes, a thousand beings are nothing.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 70

I am yours. Don’t give myself back to me.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 71

On the path of love, we are neither masters nor the owners of our lives.
We are only a brush in the hand of the master painter.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 72

The ONE I love is everywhere!

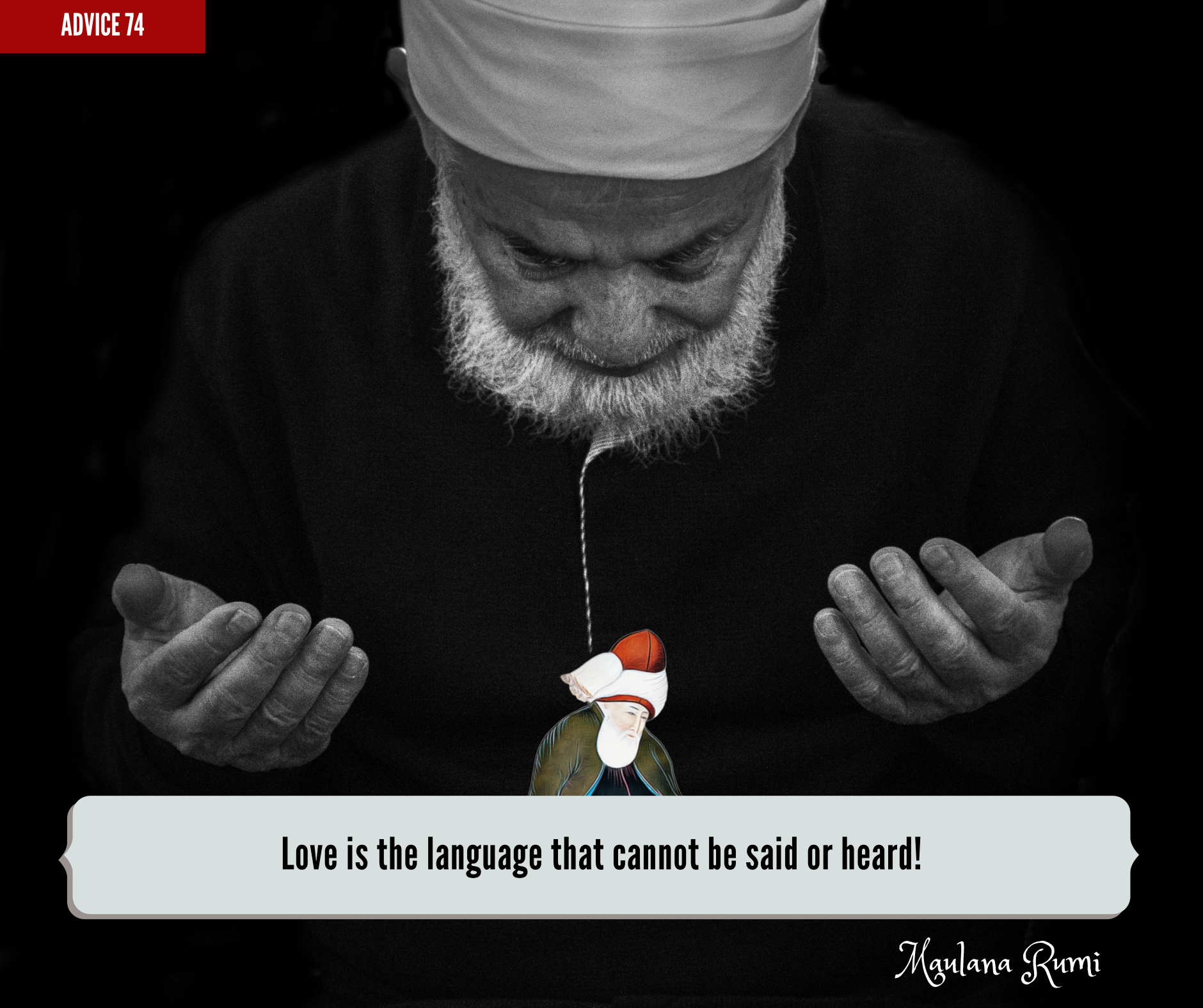
Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 73

I closed my eyes and spoke to you in a thousand silent ways..

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 74



Love is the language that cannot be said or heard!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 75

He said: How long will you boil in the fire. I said: Until I am pure!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 75

Go into the fire and find yourself in the rosegarden of ease!
But if you enter the rosery, you will find yourself in fire and furnace.

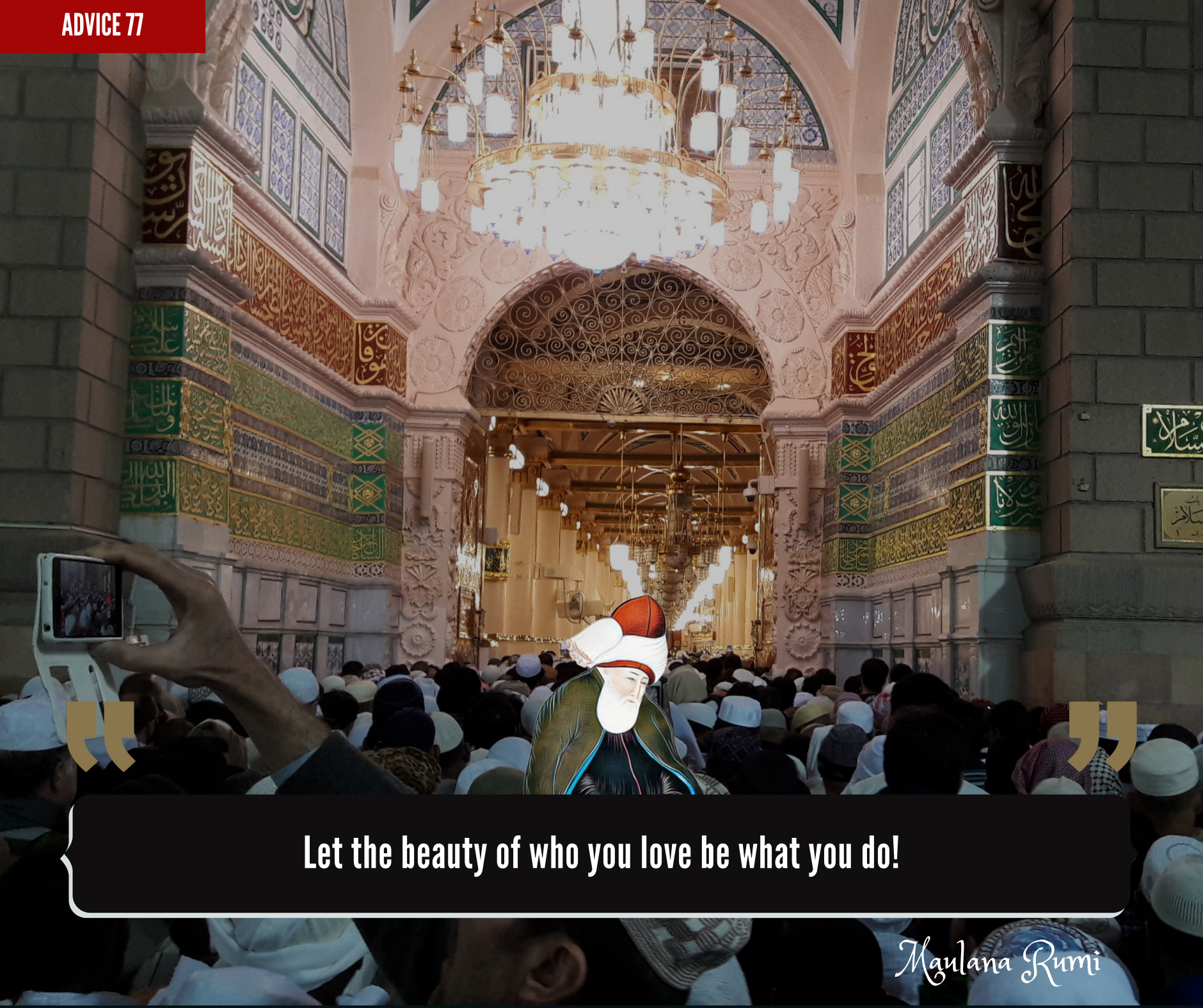
Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 76

From love, the soul learns a thousand lessons
that can never be learnt in schools!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 77



"Let the beauty of who you love be what you do!"

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 78

Let the soundless longing hidden deep inside you
be the source of every word you say.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 79

Set yourself on fire. Seek those who fan your flames.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 80

My heart! Sit only with those who know and understand you.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 81

Sit with the lovers and choose their state.
Do not stay long with those who are not living in the heart.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 82

That who has good friends needs no mirror!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 83

Wherever you are, be the soul of that place!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 84

Listen to silence. It has so much to say!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 85

Be a lamp, or a lifeboat, or a ladder. Walk out of your house like a shepherd.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 86

Before death takes away what you are given,
give away what is there to be given.

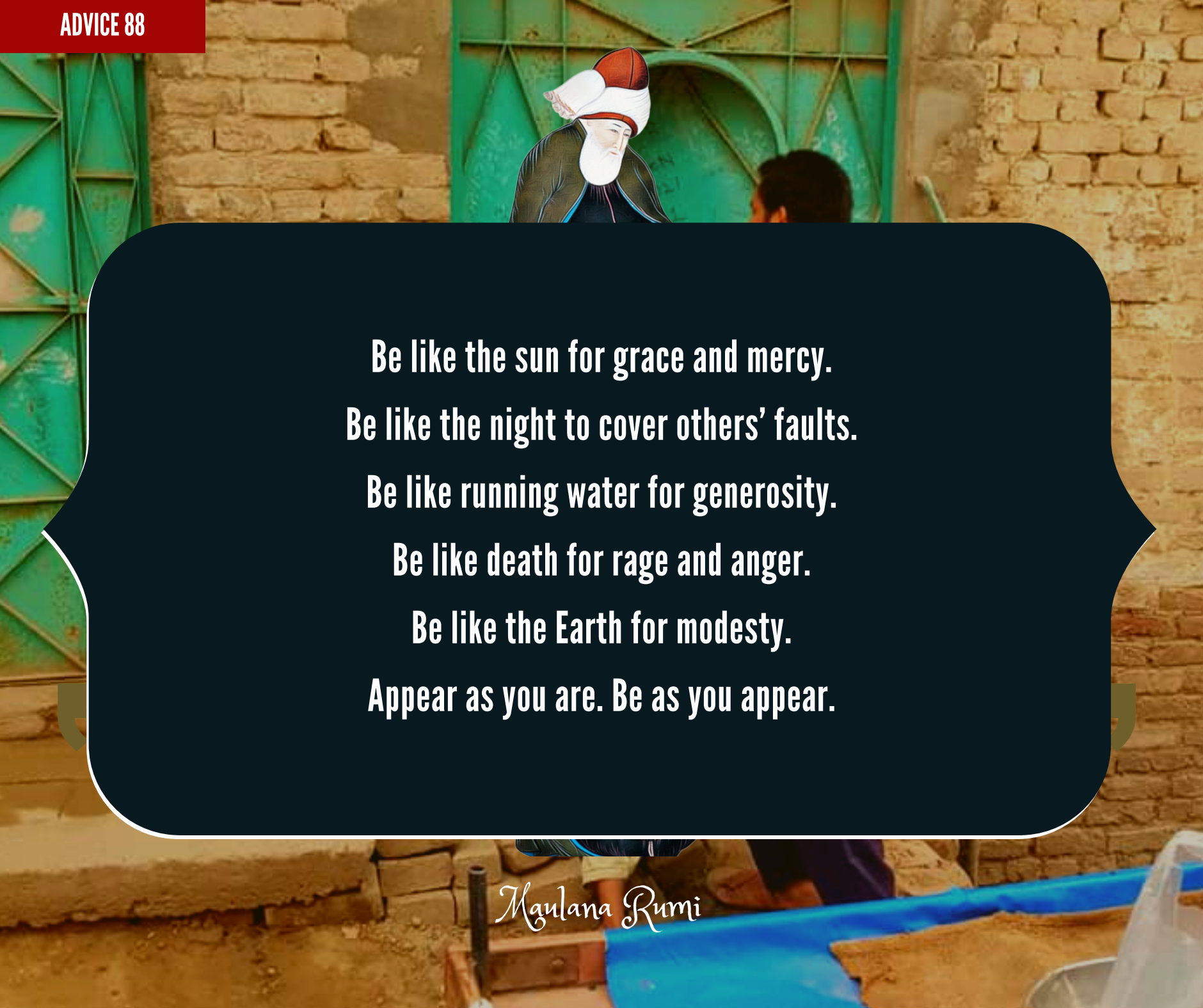
Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 87

If you do something by heart, you feel a river moving inside you - joy!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 88



Be like the sun for grace and mercy.

Be like the night to cover others' faults.

Be like running water for generosity.

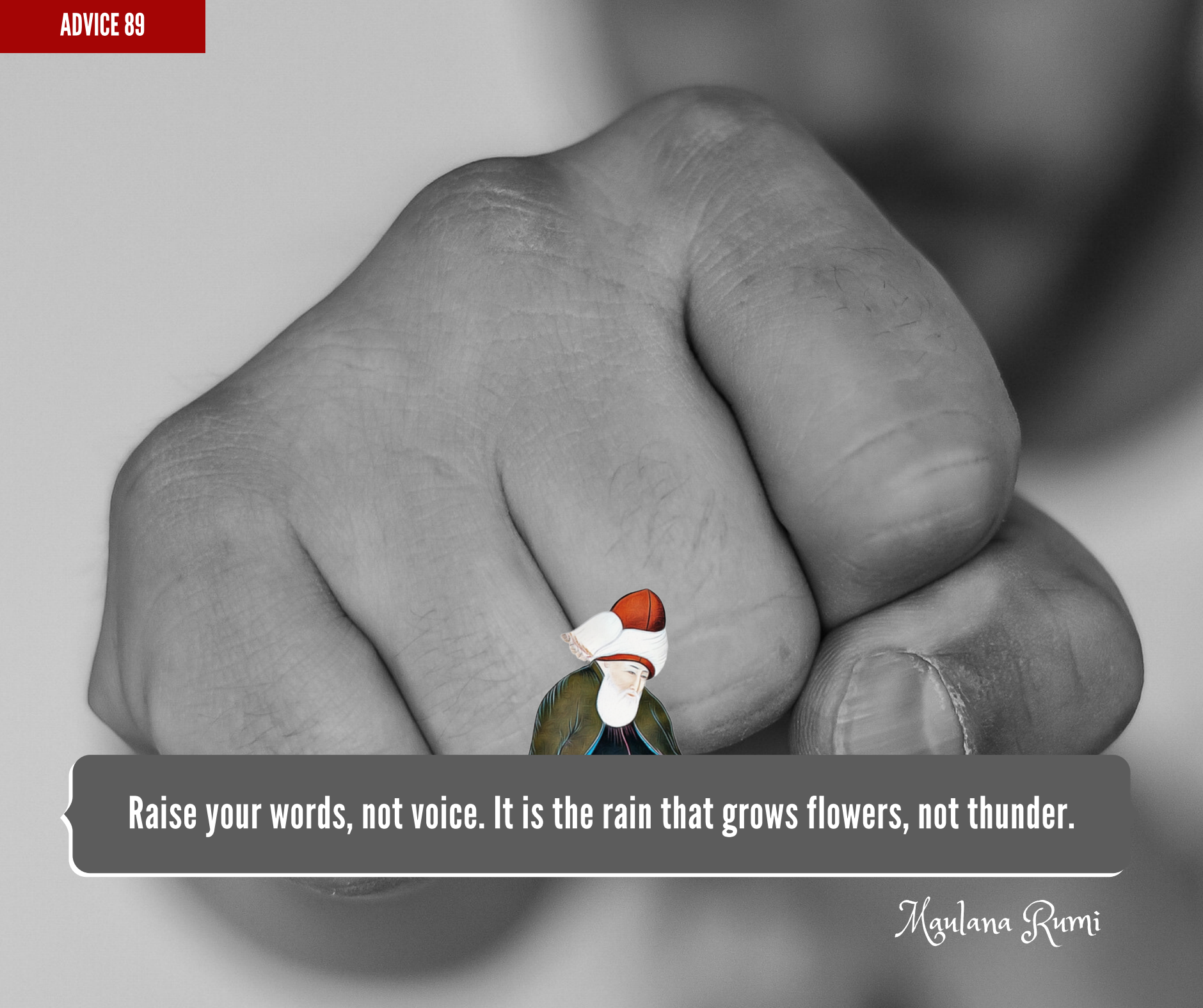
Be like death for rage and anger.

Be like the Earth for modesty.

Appear as you are. Be as you appear.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 89



Raise your words, not voice. It is the rain that grows flowers, not thunder.

Maulana Rumi

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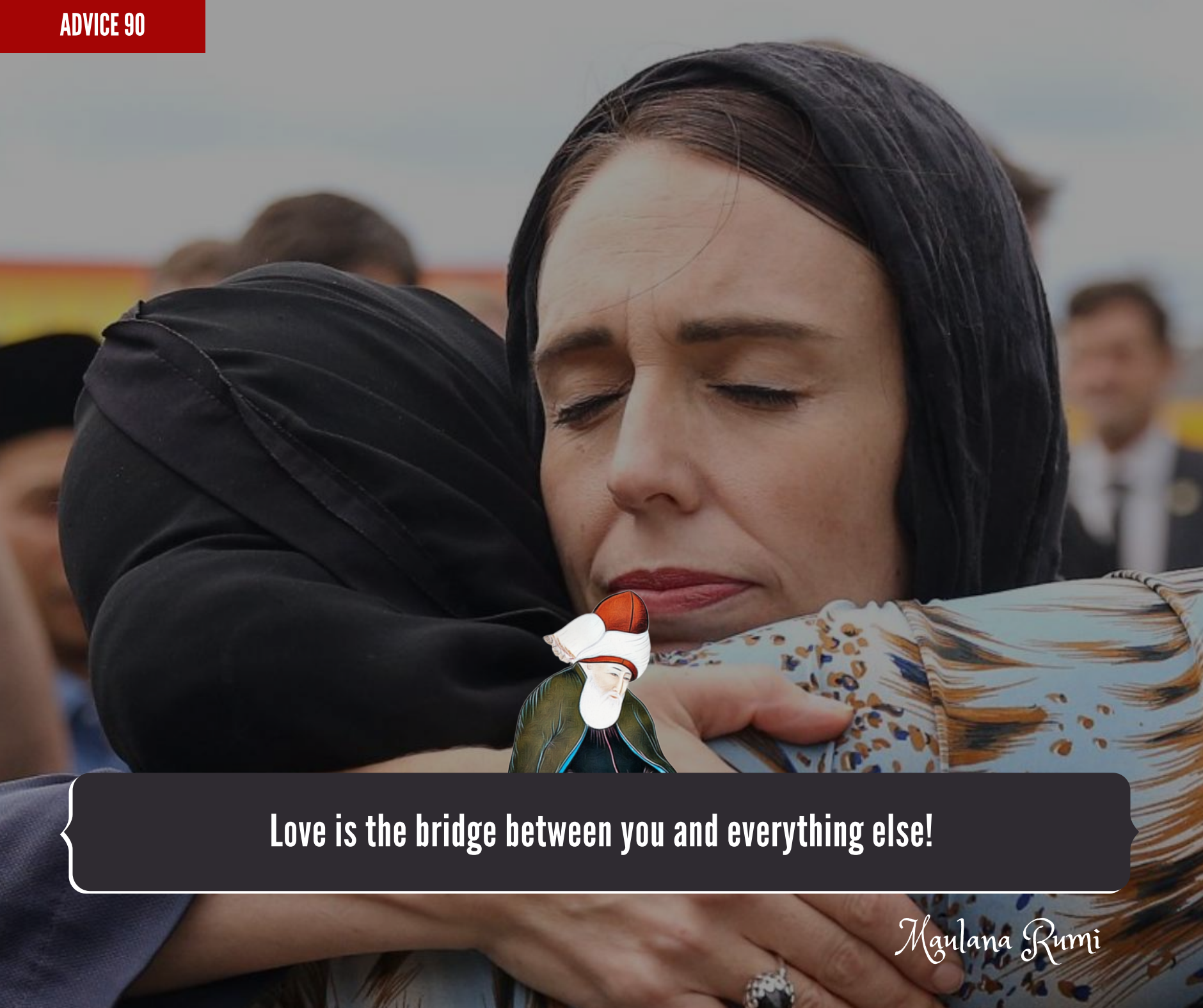

Love is the bridge between you and everything else!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 90

Knock, and He'll open the door.

Vanish, and He'll make you shine like the sun.

Fall, and He'll raise you to the heavens.

Become nothing, and He'll turn you into everything.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 90

Wear gratitude like a cloak. It will feed every corner of your life.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 90

The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you. Don't go back to sleep!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 90

In a night full of pain and
darkness, be a candle spreading light until dawn

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 90

If your beloved has a life of fire, step in and burn along!

Maulana Rumi

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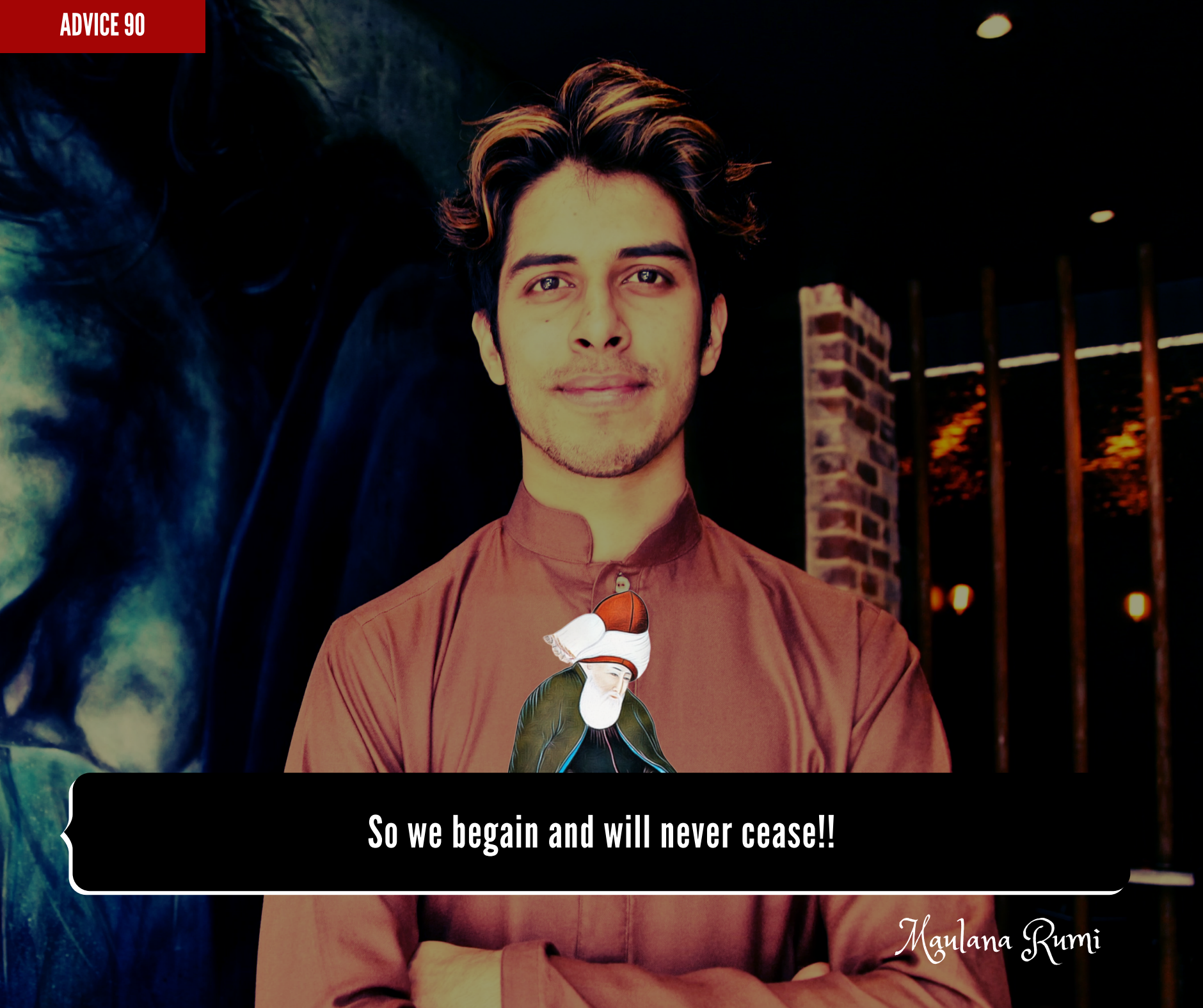


So we begain and will never cease!!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 90

Anything born in spring, dies in fall. Love is not seasonal!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 91

I want to sing like the birds sing,
not worrying about who hears or what they think.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 92

Being a candle is not easy. One must first burn in order to give light!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 93

A candle loses none of its light by lightinng another!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 94

Lamps are different. But light is the same!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 95

Don't you know yet? It's your light that brighten's the world!

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 96

Every moment, I shape my destiny with a chisel.
I am a carpenter of my own soul.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 97

With every breath, I plant the seeds of devotion. I am a farmer of the heart.

Maulana Rumi

ADVICE 98

Yesterday is gone and its tale told.
Today, new seeds are growing.

Maulana Rumi

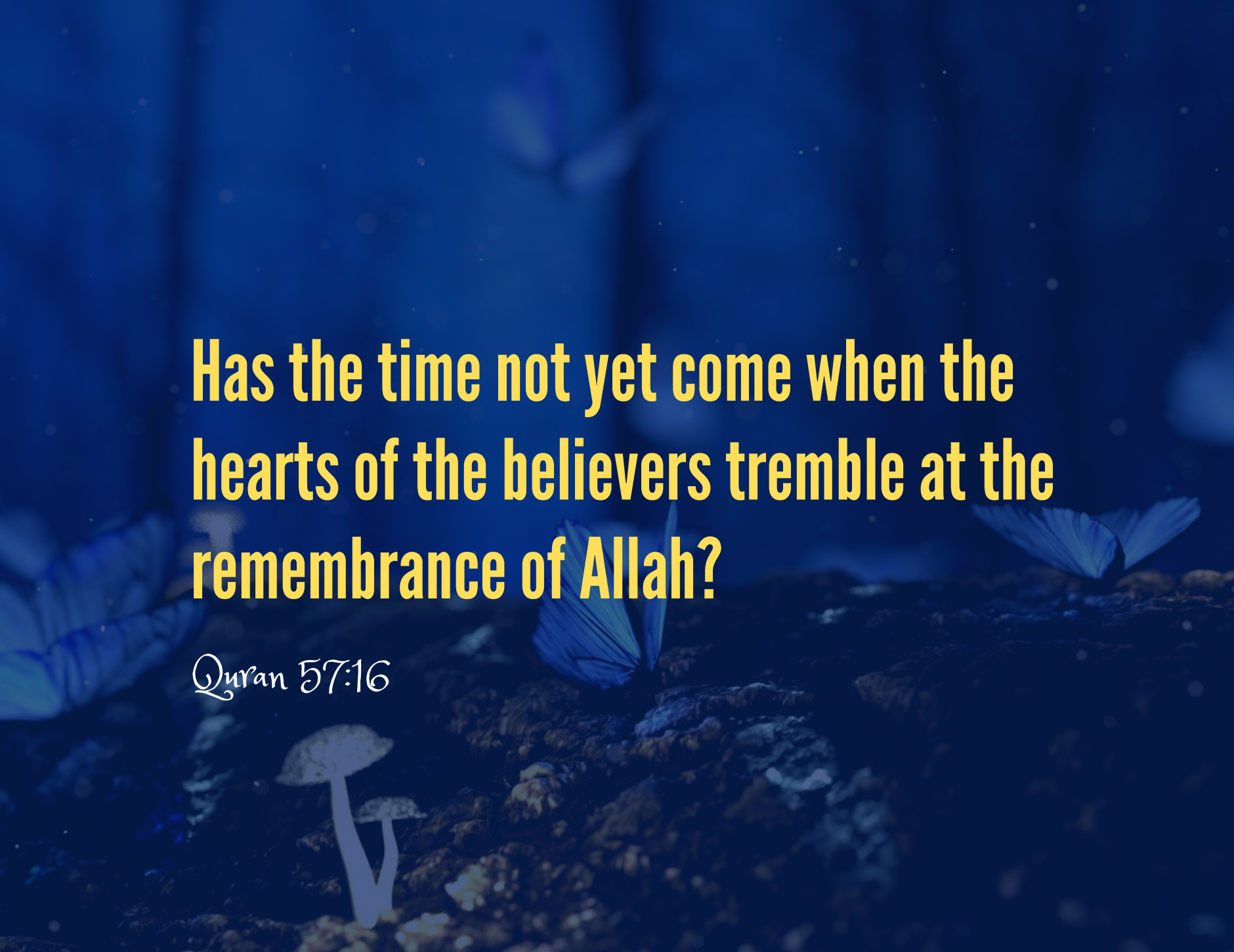
ADVICE 99

I am dust on the path of Muhammad ﷺ - the chosen one.

Maulana Rumi

For a long time, I have given my heart.
Come o beloved! I will give you my soul too.

Maulana Rumi


Has the time not yet come when the hearts of the believers tremble at the remembrance of Allah?
Quran 57:16

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